



**Meeting of the Events Committee Meeting
21st April 2026 at 6pm
The Council Chamber, Cinderford**

Present

Cllr Graham Morgan (Chair)
Cllr Jeremy Charlton-Wright
Cllr Mark Turner
Emma Bennett (Clerk)
Les Love (Estates Manager)

In attendance:

Nikki Norman (FOD Dog Rescue, Nikki's Events & The Golden Lion)
Ellie Tompkins, MusicWorks, Community Project Manager

Apologies:

Cllr Darren Flower
Cllr Roger Sterry

Absent:

Jer Holland (Town Crier)
Julie Kingston (Crossroads)
Cllr Jeremy Charlton-Wright
Vanessa Stratford, The Forest Road Centre
Karen Lougher (The Picture House, Art Gallery & Forest Road Centre)
Joseph-James Picknell, Events Director & Trustee, Pride in Gloucestershire
Allison Holland, MusicWorks
Ian Holder, The Forest Road Centre
Khady Gueye (The MusicWorks)
Julie Abolins (Candi)
Artspace
Deborah Vaughan (Crossroads)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Recorded as above.

2. Declarations of Interest – to receive any declarations of interest in any matter to be discussed at the meeting. Members and Officers are requested to identify the nature of the interest

None.

3. Public Participation Session – to provide the opportunity for Members of the Public to raise questions or comment on items on the Agenda (limited to 15 minutes, with a maximum 3 minutes per person).

None.

4. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2026

It was proposed by Cllr Turner and Seconded by Cllr Morgan and resolved to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting. These were signed by the chairman. All in favour.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GM'.

5. Matters arising

None.

6. Chairman Urgent Business (for information only)

None.

7. To receive an update on past events and identify any changes for future events:

- a. **FVAF Spring Disco**
- b. **Easter Half Term Fun**

Update provided.

8. To discuss half term activities programme 2026:

- a. **Nikki's Events** – Update provided.

- b. **Youth Association/FVAF**

Details of an event on 27th May were provided. Permission was granted for use of the Miners Welfare Playing Field.

9. To receive two quotations for summer holiday sessions and agree way forward

Committee considered the budget (4360/140) and EMR (357-Youth Fund) and agreed to fund:

- 3 hours a week with 40 spaces for the six week holiday for coaches and all equipment run by Cinderford Town Youth Football
 - one full day play session run by Play Gloucestershire.
- Proposed to proceed as detailed by Cllr Turner, Seconded Cllr Charlton-Wright. All in favour.

10. To receive an update from MusicWorks on Cinderford events planned

Update provided on events planned.

11. To receive an update from The Golden Lion on Cinderford events planned:

- a. **Beer and Food Festival (Sunday 3rd May)**

- b. **Sausage & Cider Festival (Sunday 31st May)**

Update provided on events. Poster to be provided for advertising.

12. To receive an update on Continental Street Market (25th – 28th June 2026) 4 day event

FODDC had advised they were unable to provide a road closure and CTC would need to contact GCC. The costs were discussed noting that the FODDC could contribute 50%. Committee noted the event had been advertised.

Proposed by Cllr Turner, Seconded Cllr Charlton-Wright to submit road closure to GCC with 50% costs to be provided by FODDC. All in favour.

13. To receive an update on Cindyfest 2026 (30th August 2026) including update on Event Management Plan review

Update on arrangements provided. EMP review underway for submission to Safety Advisory Group.

14. To receive an update on Cinderford Pride 2026

Details awaited.

15. To receive an update on Cinderford Heritage Open Day

Initial event planning underway.

16. To receive an update from the Palace Cinema



No update received.

17. To receive the 2026 Events list and discuss

The list would be updated and circulated post meeting.

18. To discuss Health & Safety arrangements for events held including Temporary Event Notices, insurance, risk assessments, Martyn's Law, first aid, security & road closures

Requirements for events noted.

19. To receive Gloucestershire Fire & Safety Service letter regarding use of indoor fireworks or pyrotechnic products at events

Received and noted. Confirmed that indoor fireworks and pyrotechnic products not used at venues or events.

20. To discuss other Event ideas and agree way forward including:

- a. **World Cup 2026** – confirmed being shown in local Public Houses.
- b. **Town Crier Competition** – details from Town Crier awaited.
- c. **Any additional ideas** – Christmas Market discussed. Information awaited.

21. To receive an update on the Forest Road Centre

Update provided.

22. To consider how the Town Council can support other community groups/charities to arrange events in Cinderford

Discussed.

23. Date of next Meeting – 2nd June 2026

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.05pm.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

G Morgan
7/7/2026

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